

St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal Church

Tenth Street, between Market and Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, Pa.

REV. VINCENT C. FRANKS, D.D.
Rector

REV. JOHN R. HART, PH.D.
Associate Minister

REV. CARL E. GRAMMER, S.T.D.
Rector Emeritus

**REPORTS AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

RENDERED AT THE
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

MAY 6, 1937

Report of I. Smith Raspin Accounting Warden

I am pleased to present this report on the finances of St. Stephen's Church for the year ending December 31, 1936. What I shall give now is a brief resumé of that which has been submitted in detail to your Vestry and has been approved by them.

In the year 1936 there was expended for the maintenance and operation

(A) OF THE CHURCH

Salaries of the Clergy, including pension to Dr. Grammer, Honorariums to visiting Clergy, Verger, Parish Visitor, Rector's Secretary, Sunday School Teachers and Scoutmaster.....	\$13,774.50
Organist, Music and Choir...	6,080.62
Church Pension Fund.....	587.49
Diocesan Assessment	1,341.23
Repairs and Improvements...	951.35
Electric Light, Power, Gas and Fuel	1,355.19
Fire Insurance	980.79
Noonday Services and Inter-Church Federation	125.00
Advertising and Parish News	238.85
Christmas Decorations, Sunday School Entertainment and Equipment for Sunday School	247.24
Taxes and Water Rent on the Rectory	277.13
Church Work Fund.....	273.96
Operation of the Office, telephone service, book-keeping and auditing	1,905.66
Verger's helpers and supplies for the Verger and miscellaneous expenses, consisting of care of burial lot, ringing of chimes, auto service, etc.	1,336.18

(B) OF THE COMMUNITY HOUSE

Interest on Mortgage.....	600.00
Water Rent	130.00
Electric Light, Power and Gas	367.01
Night Clerk, Janitor and Supplies	730.10

Making Total Expenditures of \$31,341.30

The receipts for the year 1936 for General Purposes were:

Income on Endowments and Investments	\$28,869.17
Contributions for Parochial Maintenance	1,393.77
Pew Rents	1,532.00
Treasurer of the Burd School	500.00
Community House Receipts..	3.00

Making Total Receipts of.... \$32,297.94

The net result, most gratifying, is that for the year 1936 the actual income of the Church exceeded its expenses by \$956.64.

The receipts for Diocesan and General Church Objects amounted to \$4,121.59, exclusive of contributions made by members of the Parish to certain Church objects for which no credit appears on the books of the Accounting Warden. We were able to more than meet our "Expectation."

The receipts for Special Parochial Purposes amounted to \$2,318.01, which, together with the balance we had on hand on January 1, 1936, of \$407.26, made a total of \$2,725.27. This, less the balance of \$611.77 on hand December 31, 1936, was all distributed during the calendar year for the purposes for which the money was specially designated.

The book value of the investments, constituting what may properly be called our Principal Account, the income from which is used for our general Church Purposes, amounted on December 31, 1936, to \$772,975.73. To this has been added \$4,000.00 received as a further distribution from the James R. Magee Estate, which has been placed into our unrestricted investment account. With this sum we show a gain in the book value of our principal account during the year of 1936 of \$4,301.88.

The sums of money which have been given to the Church from time to time in trust for special purposes,

the income from which is used for the designated purposes, amounted on December 31, 1936, to \$39,793.52. This amount is virtually unchanged during the year.

With the exception of the Community House, all of our Church properties are free from incumbrances or debts. It is to be hoped that in the near future by concerted action we can raise the \$30,000.00 necessary to pay off the balance due on the Community House mortgage.

Following our long established custom, our investments, our books of account, showing all receipts and disbursements, as well as those of our fiscal agent, and the Trustee of the Trusts of which we are the beneficiary, were again carefully examined during the year 1936 by an outstanding firm of certified public accountants, whose report and audit is open to inspection, and who have found them to be correct, and have so certified.

I am deeply grateful to my Senior Warden; to my fellow-members of the Vestry; to the Clerical and Lay Officers, who daily serve this Church, and to those of you who have so generously helped in the solution of the problems which have been in front of us. I ask for your continued support in order that our work may develop to the fullest.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SMITH RASPIN,
Accounting Warden.

May 6, 1937.

Noonday Lenten Services

Despite similar services being conducted in neighboring churches and in adjacent theatres, St. Stephen's continues to uphold its tradition as the home of Lenten Services.

Approximately 10,000 persons attended this season, with 700 present

on Ash Wednesday, and over 1,300 on Good Friday.

In selecting the speakers this year, the Wardens, with Dr. Hart collaborating, were able to maintain our usual high standard of preaching.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Higham for her valued assistance, and Mr. Carrigan for his work in arranging various details.

Receipts

Balance May 1, 1936....	\$86.33
Offerings	756.53
Total Receipts....	\$842.86

Disbursements

Honoraria, R. R. fare and entertainment of visiting speakers	\$561.24
Music (Organist, etc.)..	190.00
Display signs	18.25
Total Disbursements.....	769.49

Balance May 1, 1937..... \$73.37

Respectfully submitted,

J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG,
Treasurer.

Noonday Services

Services were continued on each Wednesday during the year, concluding with a celebration of the Holy Communion on the last Wednesday of each month. Exclusive of the Lenten Season, 45 services were conducted, with a total attendance of 2,482, or a daily average of 55 persons.

These services still maintain their popular appeal and increased public interest has resulted in appropriations toward expenses being the lowest in years, amounting to \$75.00.

Balance May 1, 1936...	\$21.19
Offerings in Ch. Boxes	127.60
Church Appropriations	75.00
Total Receipts....	\$223.79
Expenses (Music)	213.75

Balance May 1, 1937..... \$10.04

Respectfully submitted,

J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG,
Treasurer.

The Sunday School

The Sunday School closed last June with a picnic at Riverview Beach, and reopened in September with a slightly decreased enrollment, due to graduations. At Christmas time a play was given by the main school, entitled, "When the Light Shone," preceded by a cantata by the Child Garden. Our Easter Carol Service was held this year in conjunction with the evening church service on the first Sunday after Easter. We close this year with an outing in June.

Our contribution for Diocesan Missions amounted to \$130.00, which included the Easter offering of \$46.00. The enrollment totals 79, with an average attendance of 60.

Appreciation is due the teachers and scholars for their co-operation during the past year, and we eagerly await resuming in the Fall under the leadership of our new Rector.

Respectfully submitted,
J. LEWIS ARMSTRONG,
Superintendent.

The Choir

As to the work of our Choir, there is little to be said that differs from the reports of former years. It has been our endeavor to maintain a high standard of church music and to provide a suitable accompaniment to the service. The results obtained from our chorus may, we believe, be considered satisfactory for a group of its size.

Mr. Raspin kindly allowed us to renew our supply of Hymn and Chant Books. Our books had been used for many years, some as much as fifteen years, so that it was difficult to find a perfect book among them. We are now equipped with new books, which are a great comfort and convenience. Other than

this there has hardly been ten dollars spent on choir music for almost a year and a half. Some renewal of our most used items may be necessary before very long.

After the departure of our faithful friend, Dr. Grammer, we enjoyed the whole-hearted support of Dr. Hart, and now we greet with delight the friendly interest and co-operation of Dr. Franks. We are bending every effort to mould all details of our service to meet his ideals of what a church service should be, and all feel happy in doing this work.

I would pay tribute to the enthusiastic spirit of both chorus and soloists and also to the painstaking care of our Secretary, Miss Falkingham, whose accounts, accurate to a cent, have kept us in good repute in the office of the Accounting Warden.

In closing, I would say that we are here to provide music that our Rector and Congregation will enjoy and feel is suitable for its purpose, and we are wide open to suggestions of any sort. I would stress again the happiness we all feel in working with Dr. Franks. He has given us, by his friendly and personal interest in each member of the Choir, the kind of impetus most necessary to the best fulfillment of our endeavors. We wish him the utmost success at St. Stephen's.

EDWARD SHIPPEN BARNES,
Organist and Choirmaster.

The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Stephen's Church

Seven monthly meetings have been held during the season, beginning in October, when a corporate communion was celebrated.

At the November meeting, Rev. Edward G. Mullen told of his work in Zamboango, Philippine Islands, and \$25 given him was to provide for scholarships.

The delegates bring back full reports from the monthly meetings of the Pennsylvania Branch, so that no other speakers are arranged for usually, although at one meeting Dr. Old made the pleasant announcement of the coming of Rev. Dr. Franks as our new Rector, and to have him officiate and speak to us in person at the April meeting was an additional pleasure.

Although every woman has the privilege of membership in the Woman's Auxiliary, yet the average attendance has been only fifteen, and the Treasurer's report records twenty-eight contributors. Of course, the Parish provides funds to count on the apportionment to fulfill the pledges required by the different committees, who are also called on in various ways, such as helping in Blind Week on one day assigned to the Episcopal Church, at fêtes and bazaars and any number of "specials." Opportunities are given to attend missionary meetings and to visit the numerous institutions of the Diocese, so as to become more familiar with all phases of work to be done for the extension of the kingdom of God. There is so much to be done, and let us do our part in loving service and with all our strength.

LAURA BELL, *President.*

CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS

Miss Laura Bell.....	\$15.00
Mrs. C. H. Buehler.....	2.00
Miss M. K. Caldwell.....	5.00
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie.....	2.00
Mrs. Joseph Clayton.....	2.00
Mrs. William Dickhart, Jr.....	7.00
Mrs. George Donehower.....	1.00
Miss Ella R. Dwier.....	1.00
Mrs. R. L. Edsall.....	6.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis.....	7.00
Mrs. Carl E. Grammer.....	1.00
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.....	2.00
Mrs. John Hay.....	1.00
Miss Ella Headman.....	5.00
Mrs. Idella W. Higham.....	2.00
Mrs. W. H. Hollar, Jr.....	2.00
Mrs. Emory R. Johnson.....	4.00

Mrs. B. H. Kennedy.....	1.00
Mrs. J. B. Mearns.....	6.00
Miss Clara E. Meyer.....	1.00
Mrs. Katherine Miesse.....	2.00
Miss Janet MacAlister.....	1.00
Mrs. Helen F. Mockett.....	4.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast.....	5.00
Mrs. I. Smith Raspin.....	6.00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath.....	6.00
Miss Susan Thackara.....	2.00
Mrs. D. D. Wood.....	1.00

Total..... \$100.00
28 Contributors.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand May 13, 1936.. \$204.17

Receipts

Members	\$100.00
Collections	98.35
Accounting Warden for apportionment	300.00
Interest on Anna Sinclair Fund	36.03
From Dr. Grammer for General Work	10.00
From Miss Fannie Gebhardt for Foreign Committee, through Mrs. Grammer	10.00
Mile of Pennies—Foreign Committee	14.05
From Miss May Noonan for Miss Cody's work at Fort Defiance, Arizona, for Indian Missions	\$8.50
Indian babies.. ..	8.66
	17.16

For five subscriptions to the Woman's Auxiliary *News*

Total Receipts... 586.84

\$791.01

Disbursements

Foreign Committee	\$134.05
Domestic Committee ...	110.00
Indian Hope Committee	127.16
Com. on Colored Missions	110.00
United Thank Offering:	
Interest on Sinclair Fund	36.03
For Parish Work: Mrs. Higham	15.00
Supply Bureau: 1937 Budget	30.00
Five subscriptions to the Woman's Auxiliary <i>News</i> , 1937	1.25
Dues, Interdenominational Union	1.00

Episcopal Day, Week for Blind	5.00	
Rev. Edward G. Mullen, Missionary, Zambo- anga, P. I., for schol- arships	25.00	
Total Disbursements.....		\$594.49

Balance on hand April 26, 1937. \$196.52

MARY C. ELLIS,
Treasurer.

Examined and found correct,
26 April 1937.

ELLA HEADMAN,
JANET MACALLISTER.

The Benevolent Society

SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1936-37

The Benevolent Society is one of the oldest organizations in our church; and, until the depression, the work increased and expanded year by year. Since that havoc-wreaking period, however, our funds have steadily decreased, as have our activities.

This season several donations from societies and members of the church, which heretofore had been a great help, were not received. This further curtailed our work. The first meeting was held November 8, 1936. All sewers were present and eager to begin work. Faithfully they attended all meetings, and the small sum received each week proved a welcome addition to their meager income.

It is with great regret that we wind up the season's work on May 12th, 1937. A luncheon will be provided and served by the members to the sewers and their friends. 3,400 articles were made for the following hospitals: Episcopal, Jefferson, Women's, Children's, the Southern Home for Destitute Children and the Visiting Nurses' Society.

In closing, I wish to say that we were greatly pleased in the interest shown for our work by Dr. Franks.

We sincerely trust that under his able leadership and guidance St. Stephen's and its societies may reach new heights of usefulness and prosperity.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand May 21, 1936..	\$8.34
Received from Acct. Warden..	270.94
Received from Rector's Warden	100.00
Donations:	
Mrs. Pancoast	25.00
Mrs. Reath	15.00
Proceeds of Sales.....	2.15

\$421.43

Disbursements

Paid for Sewing..... 412.25

Balance on hand May 6, 1937.... \$9.18

Mothers' Meeting

At the close of last year, Mrs. D. R. Harper, who had been connected with the Mothers' Meeting for twenty-one years, seventeen of those years as President, resigned. It was with a great deal of regret that the members heard this announcement. Miss Helen Mockett was asked to take Mrs. Harper's place, and has been formally appointed by Dr. Franks. While Miss Mockett was travelling through the West, Mrs. William Dickhart substituted for her and her help was greatly appreciated by the mothers.

We have lost six members by death and several through illness, and now have 200 names on the roll.

We contributed \$10.00 to the Episcopal Hospital; \$5.00 to the United Thank Offering; and \$5.00 for palms for Palm Sunday.

Flowers were sent to those who died and several entertainments paid for, so that little has been added to our treasury this year.

I. W. HIGHAM,

Secretary.

Parish Visitor

The Parish Visitor reports very little improvement in conditions among the poor in the parish. There is still the same need for shoes, and clothing of all kinds. Every day hungry men, and occasionally a woman, ask for food, and no one that is sober is turned away. Those on relief or who have WPA jobs do not get enough money for many necessities, especially medicine. The Charity Fund is used to help these cases.

Two families were given blankets, and another sheets and pillow cases purchased with the \$15.00 given by the Woman's Auxiliary. The King's Daughters helped with children's garments, and the G. F. S. with toys and candy. The Christmas Baskets brought the usual joy.

An appeal is made at this time for everything wearable. The Parish Visitor made 321 calls.

Respectfully submitted,

I. W. HIGHAM,

Parish Visitor.

Girls' Friendly Society

The Girls' Friendly Society of St. Stephen's Church, meets in the Community House every Monday evening. A twenty-five cent supper is served at six o'clock, and between seven and eight the girls have a social hour, when they sew, knit or chat. At eight o'clock there is a short service, followed by the scheduled program.

Dr. Grammer, whose visits with us we have missed so much since his resignation in November, opened the 1936-37 season with an inspiring message.

The programs as usual have varied. We have travelled in imagination with our speakers to Florida, California, Mexico, Italy and India. We have learned what

the Church is doing in social service and how amusing as well as how difficult a teacher of o. b. children finds her work in the classroom.

One evening a very stirring story was told us by a young student at the Church Training School, Miss Nellie Walton, who, with her sister's help, raised out of its ignorance and prejudice the little community of Corbin Hollow, Virginia.

The Stratford Singers, through the kindness of Miss Blanche Moore, entertained us with their splendid talent and one of our own members, a violinist, played for us. There were many times when the resourcefulness of the girls was taxed, for they had to plan the Hallowe'en, Christmas, Valentine and St. Patrick's Day parties. Likewise was their memory taxed by a spelling bee—much to every one's merriment. We saw with interest the motion picture, "Flying the Lindbergh Trail," given by the Philadelphia Electric Company.

At Christmas one hundred stockings were filled with toys and candy for children, and candy and useful articles for men and women at Berry. A large box packed with requested articles was sent to Caney Creek, Kentucky. Another box, filled with fruit and toys, was sent to a nearby settlement house. During Lent the girls made and donated articles of wearing apparel to be sent to Missions.

May we thank, at this time, the members of the congregation for their generous contributions to the card party and sale held on April 19th for the benefit of the Special Effort Fund. Due to their cooperation and the efforts of the girls it was a success, the proceeds amounting to \$100, and we hereby acknowledge our appreciation.

We regret that Mrs. Grammer is no longer with us at our meetings,

which she so enriched by her gracious and loyal spirit. We are fortunate, however, in welcoming a new Associate, Miss Helen Mockett, who has already endeared herself to the girls.

St. Stephen's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary next November. As it has grown, so we hope it will continue.

Respectfully submitted,
LEONA E. DICKHART.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance May 11, 1936.....	\$83.32
Receipts from Dues, Special Effort, Interest from Legacies, etc.	227.25
	<u>\$310.57</u>

Expenditures

National, Diocesan and Provincial Dues, Special Effort Expenses, Gifts, Branch Expenses, etc.	133.79
Balance, May	\$176.78
Which is made up as follows:	
Special Effort	\$104.17
Branch President's Fund	15.75
General Treasury ...	56.86
	<u>\$176.78</u>

MARY TWEEDIE, *Treasurer.*

April 21st, Audited and found correct.
ELLEN WILLIAMS.

King's Daughters, Whatsoever Circle

The King's Daughters will have held sixteen meetings during the past season when the last meeting is held in May. Most of us come for supper at six o'clock—this gives an opportunity for social intercourse as well as an early start on our work,—most of our work consists in sewing.

The past season we have made over 134 articles, which we are giving to Mrs. Higham, Hope Day Nursery, and St. Christopher Hospital. At Christmas we filled 24

stockings for the Hope Day Nursery, contributed towards the Church Christmas baskets, and took care of a family of five children.

We have had two new members join us and have lost one member through death this year. Mary Schaeffer, who passed away, had been a member for many years.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH H. TOWNSLEY,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand.....	\$14.80
Dues	7.80
Income from Patton Legacy....	76.61
Donations for Christmas Work.	6.96
	<u>\$106.17</u>

Disbursements

Memorial Flowers (Mrs. Vanderslice) ...	\$3.00
Flowers for Members who Died	3.00
Flowers for Sick.....	1.00
Church Christmas Basket	5.00
International-State Dues .	6.20
County Dues	1.20
Material and Supplies....	34.55
Closing Party	3.60
Christmas Stockings	15.36
Christmas Toys and Gifts	4.90
	<u>77.81</u>

Balance \$28.36

The Young People's Club

We have held eight business meetings, with an average attendance of twenty-five, preceded by a supper. At that time we celebrate the birthdays by charging each one having a birthday during the month one cent for each year, and as much more as they choose to give, if they do not want their age known. We also have gifts for them, mostly amusing ones, which make a lot of fun.

We also have our regular Wednesday evening meetings, which have been very well attended. We have various entertainments, games,

book reviews, talks by Dr. Hart; and the third Wednesday of the month a dance. The Olney Singers have entertained us twice. The last time they included a very interesting talk by the leader, Mr. Starke, on his experiences last summer in Spain. The mothers attended that meeting in a body and enjoyed it very much.

At Christmas time we entertained twenty children sent us by the Social Service Department of the Jefferson Hospital. We gave them supper, gifts, and entertained them with singing, and the children did some singing and dancing, leaving at nine-thirty, a very happy group.

We had Miss Nellie Walton tell us of her experiences with a backward group of people in Virginia near Amherst. She was very interesting and is doing a fine piece of work.

One of our members, Jack Weber, gave us a good entertainment called "Jack Weber's Amateur Night." It was very humorous and well done.

We entertained twenty mothers on May 5th. They were sent to us from the Social Service Department of the Jefferson Hospital. We gave them a nice supper and Mr. Streaker entertained them afterward. I think the club members enjoyed it as much as the mothers, and feel sure Mr. Streaker did also. He was fine.

We have helped several people financially during the winter, and tried to do our part as far as we were able.

I feel I cannot close without expressing my deep appreciation to Dr. Hart for what he has done for our Club. He has put new life into it, and deserves much of the credit for our very successful season. We all hope to have him with us many more years.

Dr. and Mrs. Hart have extended us an invitation to hold our picnic on their lawn at Rose Valley, and we are planning to go on June the 5th. We are looking forward to it and know we will have a fine time.

HANNAH G. REIFSNYDER,
President.

Young People's Fellowship

We are glad to report that the Young People's Fellowship has enjoyed a very happy year. Our attendance has been most satisfactory, averaging from twenty to thirty young people present every Sunday. We have, however, noted a falling off during the past month in the regularity of attendance of some of our young men, and, from reports which we have received, believe it to be due to the spring, in which our young men's fancies are lightly turning to thoughts—not of the Fellowship. We approve very heartily of these spring time "fancies", but would like to meet some of them on Sunday night, so that we may see just how strong the competition is.

Our program during the year has included many interesting talks. Among our guest speakers were Dr. Herbert Old, Miss Helen Carey, Miss Helen Mockett, Miss Catherine Kennedy, Mr. Warren Holland, and Mr. Streaker. There were also many helpful talks by members of the Fellowship on such diverse (and learned) subjects as History of the Bible, History of Chemistry, Wheat Growing in Canada, English Composition, the Opera Carmen, Oral Hygiene, and Immortality.

The Fellowship social activities have included a Moonlight down the Delaware and several hikes last summer, a Hallowe'en Party at the Rustons', a supper at the Schmidts', a party at the Burd School, a play and dance, and several parties in the Community House.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Hart for his interest in the Fellowship. He has given us some very inspiring and helpful talks, and answered some perplexing questions, for which we are grateful. We rejoice that he is to stay at St. Stephen's as Associate Minister.

We should like also to express our deep appreciation to our Rector Emeritus, Dr. Grammer, for his interest in all our activities. He was always a leading figure at our parties and we miss him very much. We wish the Grammers great joy in their new home in Summit.

The Fellowship gives three cheers and a hearty welcome to Dr. and Mrs. Franks. We hope that they will like us as much as we already like them, and we pledge our hearty support and co-operation to Dr. Franks in all his plans and ideals for St. Stephen's.

Respectfully submitted,
ISABEL MACMILLAN,
President.

Missionary Box Report

On November 2nd, 1936, a large box, amounting to \$70.52, was sent by me from Wanamaker's Store for the St. Stephen's Auxiliary to an Indian Missionary, the Reverend Sidney Bearsheart, Standing Rock Mission, Wakapala, South Dakota. The box contained warm underwear, grey suit, shoes, woolen sweater, hat, socks and overalls. He wrote to say how thankful he was for the goods and mentioned he was 46, with a wife and two sons, Lawrence Levi Bearsheart, 15 years old, and William Abraham Bearheart, 9 years old, and both interested in his work. He started it six years ago, reading services and taking lessons and was ordained in 1935. He is working at St. Elizabeth's under Rev. John B. Clark, who is Superintending Presbyter of

Standing Rock Mission. He often travels twenty-four miles north out in the country, where the roads are bad and hard. There are about 70 children and 125 communicants at St. Elizabeth's; he attends all the meetings of the different church organizations, which are Women's Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Brotherhood of Christian Unity, and Daughters of the King. The Auxiliary is doing splendid work and meets every Thursday to sew quilts, if they have the materials. They raised \$125.00 to \$150.00 a year and present this money at the Niobrara Convocation. The church salary is very small and he has to work on the WPA project in the daytime and study at night, "But," he added, "we are trying to carry on the work of Jesus Christ, and I am not worrying about the salary, because there is always somebody willing to help like that package I received from your Auxiliary. It delighted me very much and I want to say just four words to you kind people:

May God bless you all."

SIDNEY BEARSHEART.

He enclosed a picture of himself with his family and two members of the congregation.

In February, Mrs. Kent, of "The Supply Bureau of the Church Diocese", wanted to know if we would help by sending a small contribution to an Indian Catechist—Mr. John Redhawk, Depree, South Dakota—we sent \$10.00.

I am glad to report that we have a balance on hand for next winter of \$70.97.

FLORENCE P. REATH.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MISSIONARY BOX COMMITTEE

May 4, 1936, Balance on hand.. \$105.18
Received from Collections..... 46.35

Total Receipts..... \$151.53

Disbursements

Missionary Box sent to
Rev. Sidney Bearsheart,
Standing Rock Mission,
Wakapala, South Dakota \$70.56
Supply Bureau, to help
Mr. John Redhawk, Indian
Catechist, Depree,
South Dakota 10.00
Total Disbursements \$80.56

Balance on hand April 26th, 1937 \$70.97

MARY C. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

Examined and found correct,
26 April, 1937.

ELLA HEADMAN,
JANET B. MACALLISTER

The Altar Society

The Altar Society presents its 43rd Annual Report, although the Society was organized and functioning some years before any reports were made, except at Executive Meetings. When first organized, under Dr. McConnell's guidance, the Altar Society had four Chancel Committees of three members each. At one period, this was increased to five Committees, the members always being appointed by the Rector. Unfortunately, of late years it has lost its members one by one, through death or resignations, until this year there remained but one member, the Superintendent, Miss Thackara. In this emergency Miss Thackara assumed the entire work of the Committee, serving every Sunday during the year, on each Wednesday, and through all the Daily Lenten Noonday Services. Recently Miss Thackara reported that two candidates, Miss Hannah Matthews and Miss Elizabeth Mearns, had volunteered for chancel duty, and had been enrolled as members of the Altar Society.

New Prayer Books and Hymnals being needed for the Chancel, Mr. Raspin gave Miss Thackara permission to make the purchase.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand May 1, 1936... \$193.97
Received for Memorial Flowers 107.00
Received from Envelope System 85.06
\$386.03

Bills Paid:

For Flowers \$173.00
For Calendar 1.00
For Making Surplice.. 3.00
For Embroidering Sur-
plice 4.00
181.00

Balance on hand May 1, 1937... \$205.03

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY E. CAMPBELL,
Treasurer.

Audited and found correct.

(Signed) AGNES M. F. NOBLIT.

Women's United Thank Offering

Contributors to the Women's United Thank Offering:

Miss Susan Thackara \$11.00
Mrs. Idella Higham 5.00
Mothers' Meeting 5.00
Miss Helen Mockett 5.00
Miss Matilda Maulsby 10.00
Mrs. Benjamin Reath 15.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast 15.00
Mrs. J. B. Mearns..... 1.00
Mrs. Katherine Meisse 1.00
Mrs. Howard Reifsnnyder 5.00
Miss Mary DeHaven Bright... 5.00
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper..... 1.00
Mrs. Frank G. Cooper..... 1.00
Miss Laura Bell 10.00
Mrs. Carl E. Grammer..... 5.00
Miss Florence Hay 1.00
Mrs. John Hay 1.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis..... 2.00
Anna Sinclair Fund..... 36.03
Mrs. I. Smith Raspin..... 1.00
Miss Ella Dwier 5.00

\$141.03

Balance from 1936..... 12.92

Total \$153.95

Check, May 3, 1937, to order of
Marian Van Pelt, Diocesan
Treasurer 150.00

Balance for 1937..... \$3.95

ETHEL COOPER, *Treasurer.*

Contributions to Woman's Aid, Convocation of North Philadelphia

from St. Stephen's Church, 1937:

Miss Laura Bell	\$5.00
Mrs. Carrie H. Buehler.....	1.00
Mrs. James Carrigan	1.00
Mrs. J. Wiley Christie.....	.50
Miss Ella R. Dwier.....	1.00
Miss Eisenbrey	2.00
Mrs. M. Brantley Ellis.....	1.00
Miss Gebhart	1.00
Mrs. Daniel R. Harper.....	.50
Mrs. John Hay .....	.50
Mrs. I. W. Higham.....	.50
Mrs. William H. Hollar, Jr....	.50
Mrs. J. B. Mearns.....	.50
Mrs. Miesse .....	.50
Miss Helen T. Mockett.....	1.00
Mrs. Albert Pancoast .....	.50
Miss Blanche M. Porter.....	1.00
Mrs. Benjamin B. Reath.....	.50
Mrs. Howard H. Reifsnnyder...	5.00
Miss S. C. Thackara.....	1.00

\$24.50

Boy Scouts

ANNUAL REPORT OF TROOP 2
PHILADELPHIA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Just what is Scouting? It is a "game" played by fellows who love the out-of-doors and who use the Scout Oath and Law as a foundation to build their lives on.

We have just completed ten years of Scout work at St. Stephen's. The Troop was organized in March, 1927.

At the last registration twenty-three Scouts and Scouters enrolled for the 1937 season. Since then eleven additional boys have enlisted.

Scout meetings were held every Friday except during the months of July and August. On Thursday nights a game period was held in the gymnasium for the younger fellows. The Yucca Lodge met once a week and tried to supply a program for the older boys.

The Troop took part in the "March of Scouting," which was held at Convention Hall in March.

Day hikes were held at least twice a month throughout the year, along with a few over-night hikes during the warmer weather.

Our activities for the summer of 1936 consisted of one week at Treasure Island Camp and a six-day hike on the Horse Shoe Trail.

As another summer approaches, real camping and hiking days loom ahead. Of course, it will be T. I. C. and the Horse Shoe Trail again, along with more over-night hikes and a day hike every week during the summer.

We are very fortunate to have a good Socut room and a gymnasium in which to hold our meetings, and want to take this opportunity to express our thanks for being able to use them.

Why should we continue to take an interest in this work? Because Scouting helps a boy to find himself—helps him to "Be Prepared."

FRED. SCHMID, JR.,
Scoutmaster.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance May 1, 1936.....	5.64
Dues, 3-1-36 to 3-1-37.....	\$13.69
Registration Fees	13.50
Badges and Scout Book..	.86
March of Scouting Tickets	15.00
20% on sale of Tickets for	
March of Scouting	3.00
Received from Troop	
Members for Treasure	
Island	32.00
Received from Accounting	
Warden, Summer Camp	50.00
Received for Q. C. S.....	.50
Received Fees at Camp..	1.95
Received for Transporta-	
tion and Food, Horse	
Shoe Trail	7.64
Total Receipts.....	138.14

Total..... \$143.78

Disbursements

Insignia, Leaflets, etc....	\$1.70
March of Scouting.....	15.00
Q. C. S. Magazine.....	.50
Bill for Miscellaneous Ex-	
penses and Troop Party	5.99

Registration Fees	20.00
Camp Fee for Treasure	
Island	60.00
Treasure Island Party...	1.50
Camp Biddle Fee.....	1.00
Week End of May 1st....	1.00
One Fire-by-Friction Set.	1.00
One Spade for Troop....	.25
Transportation on Horse	
Shoe Trail	4.64
Cost of Food for H. S. T.	3.00
Total Expenses.....	115.58

Balance May 1, 1937..... \$28.20

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN GEORGE, A. S. M.

Christmas Baskets Committee

It is again the pleasure of your Committee having in charge the distribution of the Christmas Dinner Baskets for 1936, to make final report of their operations to the members of the congregation of St. Stephen's Church and their Pastor.

Following their usual custom to procure only the best food available the 100 baskets distributed were filled with the following:

2 roasting chickens	1/2 lb. Pekoe tea
4 lbs. each	5 lbs. potatoes
1 large mince pie	3 lbs. onions
2 lbs. white sugar	1 can tomatoes
1 lb. coffee	6 large apples

In order to be assured that your gift reached those who were deserving and appreciative, our list of recipients was in the able hands of Mrs. I. W. Higham, whose watchful care in this respect was invaluable. Her untiring effort and co-operation in this work was quite up to its usual standard. Mr. Carrigan also deserves much credit for his customary help, without which your Committee would be lost.

Our balance from 1935 operations was unusually small, and with the addition of the regular contributions fell a little short of our requirements to supply the 100 baskets; however, a generous contribution arranged by Mr. I. Smith Raspin made it quite possible to meet all

demands and leave an attractive balance to start next year's requirements.

With the sum of \$13.86 in our Treasury and with added contributions amounting to \$386.88, our resources reached \$400.74.

Disbursements representing all purchases and expense amounted to \$306.67; a balance of \$94.07, after every liability is liquidated, has been placed in the Corn Exchange Bank Savings Fund Department to await next year's operations.

St. Stephen's has every reason to be proud of the yearly contribution to the poor in our Parish, which has been repeated each Christmas for many years.

The work of your Committee, so generously supported by our congregation, was a pleasure and duly appreciated by the Committee.

Very truly yours,
H. GILMAN FISHER,
Chairman and Treasurer.

Committee

MRS. I. W. HIGHAM,
MR. T. MUNROE DOBBINS,
MR. JAMES MEARNES,
MR. JAMES CARRIGAN,
MR. H. GILMAN FISHER, Chairman.

The Community House

May, 1936, to April, 1937

MEETINGS ATTENDANCE

May, 1936	25	844
June	14	452
September	16	355
October	31	859
November	39	1,317
December	32	2,079
January, 1937	50	1,706
February	55	1,741
March	56	1,664
April	55	2,356
	367	13,373

Meetings from May, 1936, to
April, 1937 367
Attendance from May, 1936, to
April, 1937 13,373

Respectfully,
JOSEPH B. CASH, in charge.

Memorial Flower Fund

1937

Jan.	3	.....
"	10	Miss Kirkpatrick
"	17	Mrs. Daniel R. Harper
"	24	Mrs. Craig Atmore
"	31	Mrs. I. Smith Raspin
Feb.	7	Miss Gebhart
"	14	Mrs. Higham
"	21	Miss Gebhart
"	28	Miss Eisenbrey
Mar.	7	Mrs. William H. Barclay
"	14	Miss Tappen
"	21	{ Mothers' Meeting Mrs. Thomas Ross in memory of Ann M. Earle
"	25	Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor
"	28	EASTER DAY
Apr.	4	.....
"	11	.....
Apr.	18	Mrs. William B. Campbell
"	25	Mrs. W. W. Dickhart
May	2	.....
"	9	In Memory of John Lewis Armstrong
"	16	Mrs. Higham
"	23	.....
"	30	.....
June	6	.....
"	13	Mr. Hauger
"	20	Miss Gebhart
"	27	Mrs. Otis Ellery Taylor
July	4	Mrs. Hauger
"	11	King's Daughters
"	18	Mrs. Charles E. Campbell
"	25	.....
Aug.	1	.....
"	8	.....
"	15	.....
"	22	.....
"	29	Miss Laura Bell
Sept.	5	The Misses Mann
"	12	Miss Thackara
"	19	.....
"	26	.....
Oct.	3	Miss Laura Bell
"	10	Miss Maulsby
"	17	Mrs. Harry Krauter
"	24	.....
"	31	.....
Nov.	1	{ Mr. James Arrison, 2nd Girls' Friendly Society
"	7	Miss Mary deH. Bright
"	14	Miss Eisenbrey
"	21	Mr. Wilson C. Leithead
"	28	.....
Dec.	5	.....
"	12	Dr. Grammer
"	19	.....
"		CHRISTMAS DAY
"	26	Miss Laura Bell

EMILY K. CAMPBELL, *Treasurer.*

The Burd School

The Burd School continues to widen its scope and increase its popularity, so much so that two pupils more than the stated limit are being cared for. Among the older girls, seven are taking training courses in hospitals, business and professional institutions, while still living at the Burd School.

Ethel Cree, West Philadelphia High School graduate of 1936, entered Taylor Business School for a year's study.

Doris Jones, West Philadelphia High School graduate of 1936, entered Drexel Institute February, 1936, took summer course to enable her to start as full Sophomore in September, and is now living at home.

Gwendolyn Moore entered School of Oral Hygiene at the University of Pennsylvania in September, 1936.

Cicely Pointer finished eight months' internship at Episcopal Hospital as Dental Hygienist, and entered position in dentist's office, April 12th, 1937.

Gertrude Davis finished her nursing course at Episcopal Hospital and holds position as General Duty Nurse at Bryn Mawr Hospital. This position was secured for her by Miss Bright, a member of our Board of Trustees.

Dorothy Witherow graduated from Temple University in February of this year, and secured a position at once at the State Home for Girls as Domestic Science teacher.

The Burd School girls, after completing the course chosen, are 100% employed. In this connection, it is interesting to report that as the girls change their positions from time to time, it has always been a change for the better. No situation has been given up before another has been obtained.

The new girls entered on probation this year are Avis, June and Alice Elaine Badger, Emma McGoldrick, Margaret Crouse, Catherine Le Dent, Eleanor and Jane Winthrop.

The girls all attend St. Stephen's Church and four were confirmed on March 4th of this year.

On May 16th, 1936, the eighteenth anniversary of the founding of the Burd School was celebrated by beautiful and artistic tableaux arranged by Miss Louise Everts.

During the month of August, twenty-three children went to Camp Nehantic at Henryville, Pa.

The celebration of Mrs. Burd's birthday on February 23rd is a

happy annual occasion, with a special dinner for the School and a few guests. Each person present deposits ceremoniously a gift for Mrs. Burd, limited to ten cents, the aggregate sum being used for some special purchase in the future.

Visits of inspection have been made each month, except during the summer, by the Women's Committee.

The Burd School is happy to be the chosen scene for a reception to Dr. and Mrs. Franks on Saturday, May 15th.

EMILY K. CAMPBELL,
*Chairman of the Board of Women
Visitors.*

May 6th, 1937.